

RESOLUTION:

Door Co. #1 150106

Management of our natural resources:

Background:

Wisconsin has highly educated professionals working for the DNR who study fish and wildlife population dynamics and management practices. They are trained professionals with decades of experience in managing our natural resources. Through the collective efforts of the Wisconsin DNR, NR Board, Conservation Congress, and public input, the state of Wisconsin has effectively managed our natural resources since the establishment of this cooperative system in 1934. There exists more than 70 years of tradition in the public process for the implementation of proposed fish, wildlife, and resource management rule changes.

The Problem:

Recently, some elected officials have persistently made attempts to nullify the well-established process described above. For some reason, they seem to think that they can do a better job of managing our fish and wildlife than our highly trained and experienced fish and wildlife managers and biologists employed by the DNR, the Conservation Congress (CC), and the citizens of Wisconsin. Although our elected officials and legislators have a constitutional right to draft bills that address the management of our fish and wildlife, they have recently made repeated efforts to take the control of fish and wildlife management and the setting of seasons away from the DNR, CC, and our public process. This is a disturbing trend and one could argue that it is inappropriate and unprofessional. The management of our natural resources, fisheries regulations, and wildlife regulations are best left in the hands of the people who are trained professionals with a proven track record of producing one of the most highly esteemed natural resource management programs in the entire United States.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in **Door County** on **April 10th, 2006** recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take immediate action to correct this situation by introducing legislation that would require any bills concerning the management of our fish and wildlife to pass through the well established public process of review by the NR Board, DNR, CC, and public vote as explained above before being considered.

Question: Would you favor legislation that would require bills, resolutions, or proposals submitted by any citizen of Wisconsin concerning the management of Wisconsin's fish and game that come before the Senate or Assembly to be subjected to the public process of review by the Conservation Congress, DNR, and Natural Resources Board before those fish or game rule changes are allowed to become law?

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County Vote: (by show of hands or written ballot where appropriate) YES _____ NO _____